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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Deputy Director (Support) [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: Tightening the Agency's Security

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. Responsive to your memorandum dated 26 September 1961, subject as above, I should like to assure you that the Office of Security has always been concerned as to whether any form of penetration has existed within the Agency. At the same time this Office has been continuously concerned with the security standards and procedures of the Agency and in any instance where there appears to be a weakness, remedial action is initiated.

3. In this regard the Office of Security has for some time carried on an active program of bringing borderline cases, as well as those involving serious derogatory information, to the attention of the DCI, the DDCI and the IG and the course of action this Office is following in each case.

4. When this Office develops information concerning an employee which affects or pertains to the interests or responsibilities of the Inspector General, the Director of Personnel, the Chief, Medical Staff or an operating official, such information is made available to the official concerned for appropriate action. A high degree of coordination is maintained with these officials in order to assure that the full interests of the Agency are brought to bear on any problem case.

5. I wish to assure you that any instance of poor security practices or security concern about individuals or conditions will be brought to either your attention, General Cabell or the Inspector General.

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